

SD Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC) Meeting

10:00 A.M. to 12:15 PM

March 24, 2020

Via SKYPE

Agenda

11:00 – 11:10	Welcome & Announcements
11:15 – 11:45	COVID-19 Information & discussion
11:45 – 11:55	2019 CoC Competition Results
11:55 – 12:10	PIT Count
12:10 – 12:25	System Performance Measures
12:25 – 12:40	Youth Homelessness & YHDP
12:40 - 12:45	Homeless Summit
12:45 – 1:30	Committee Reports & Town Hall
1:30	Adjourn

Meeting Notes:

SDHHC quarterly member meeting completed virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Attendance was recorded. Welcome & Announcements was provided by Davis Schofield, CoC Administrator.

SD Covid-19 Information:

Information links were shared from SD Dept. of Health and various federal government agencies. Discussion about the current situation in the state. Davis discussed mitigation of risk including using masks, and cleaning. There was an appeal to agencies to keep SDHDA informed of the situation in the field. Lorraine Polak, SDHDA discussed concerns with evictions and mortgage defaults that may be occurring. Roger Jacobs, HUD discussed the issues being considered at the federal level including evictions, FMHA mortgage defaults, and mitigating the spread of the virus including in federally funded homelessness programs. Dianne from Sioux Falls Housing discussed the current situation in Sioux Falls and concerns with eviction related issues and mitigating exposure to the virus for staff and tenants. Andrea from Safe Harbor discussed the shelter activities including an inventory of protective equipment and cleaning supplies. Mary Koens from Artemis House reported that the shelter is working on inventory needs for cleaning supplies and gloves and masks. Denise Albertson, SDHDA discussed ESG grants and funds available for mitigating risks for shelter grantees.

2019 CoC Competition:

Davis provided info to SDHHC from the 2019 CoC Competition. There was \$1,299,930 allocated to 10 grants. Funded projects include rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, HMIS, Coordinated entry, and CoC planning.

2020 CoC Competition:

Davis provided report. We are anticipating a summer release of 2020 NOFA. SDHHC was reminded to look to the HUD exchange for information and SDHHC is available to answer questions and provide assistance. Agencies should begin preparations now.

PIT Count:

PIT Count report was provided by Davis. The Count for 2020 was conducted across the state on January 18, 2020. Official results should be available end of April. Looks like there was a considerable reduction in Veteran Homelessness. The east and west portions of the state continue to show many differences in the characteristics of the folks experiencing homelessness. Concerns remain about the adequacy of housing in tribal areas and this should be reflected in the PIT Count for unsheltered. Paper surveys continue to be used and the goal is to move towards using the mobile application in all but extreme cases.

System Performance Measures (SPM):

Davis provided an overview. This is the HUD analysis tool used to measure CoC progress over time. The data presented by Federal Fiscal Year. Data comes from HMIS and PIT-HIC. This is utilized in CoC competition scoring. There were some progress evident in last SPMs. The HMIS NOFA activities are supporting improvement of SPM. Increase data accuracy is occurring. Data integration will result in larger percentages of beds in HMIS.

Youth Report & YHDP:

The consortium's response to youth homelessness continues. The Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI) housing voucher program was discussed in detail. FYI is a partnership between Pennington Co. Public Housing Authority, DSS, SDHHC, LSS. The result is former foster youth being housed. There was a discussion on Traditional Age Youth (TAY). This is defined as youth 16-24 years of age. Many of the youth experiencing homelessness in SD have a history of foster or kinship care. Youth are highly vulnerable to things like human trafficking. Many youth couch surf. A news video was shared with HUD Secretary talking about FYI in Pennington County.

There was a discussion on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program or YHDP Grant application. A needs assessment is being completed on youth and data is coming in from multiple sources across the state. The Youth Action Board is highly important to this effort. Stakeholders from across the state are involved. Much of the effort has been centered upon a group in the Rapid City area at this time. A team is meeting and those interested should join as soon as possible.

Homeless Summit Discussion:

The summit is uncertain at this time due to COVID-19. The committee continues to meet. Activities for the summit should educate and inform. The committee has been reviewing the past comments in order to improve. Motivational speakers and messages are something that people generally ask about. Please provide your ideas.

SDHHC Committees:

SDHHC members were encouraged to join and participate in formal committees of SDHHC. There are 8 formal committees. An email solicitation for membership is coming out next week.

PAC – Joseph Tielke and Sherry Scudder Vice-chairs provided info about the PAC and occurring alter in the meeting. The PAC is the governing board of SD-500 CoC which is SDHHC. The PAC meets monthly and more frequently depending upon need such as the CoC Competition.

Veteran – Jamison Hild, Veteran Administration and Davis Schofield, SDHDA provided info. Davis talked about the By-name List of Veterans and managing. The committee is currently meeting monthly with by-name list meeting by—weekly. Sherry Scudder also contributed info about the reduction in Veteran Homelessness.

PIT Count – Davis provided info on the PIT Committee. The committee is meeting monthly but will break soon and restart in in July. There may be interest in completing a doubled-up count and this is being explored. Concerns remain about the adequacy of housing and the definitions used for unsheltered.

HMIS – Denise Albertson discussed the HMIS Committee. This committee address issues related to HMIS including data quality.

Youth – Davis reported that the youth committee meets monthly and that the YHDP grant writing team is developing from this committee. The committee supports the YAB and all things involving Youth.

Coordinated Entry – Davis discussed the committee is meeting monthly and is important place to voice ideas and concerns. CES is continuing to develop and the committee is helpful to these processes. Attendance remains high with much input and many ideas being given from partners across the state.

Homeless Summit – Planning is going on in earnest for next year. Paul Miller and Sherry Scudder discussed the activities of the committee and ideas for future summit.

Native American – Davis provided information on the committee activities. The committee meets monthly. A committee Chair is being sought. Please consider joining this committee.

The SDHHC Quarterly meeting was adjourned.